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Serial No. 09/386,745	Filing Date August 31, 1999	Examiner unassigned	Group Art Unit 1765
Inventor(s) Gangshan Xu et al.			
Title of Invention WINDOWLESS BELT AND METHOD FOR IMPROVED IN-SITU WAFER MONITORING			

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

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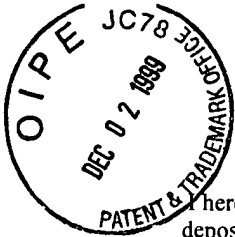
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Dear Sir:

Applicants have enclosed a form PTO-1449. Applicants request that the references listed in Form PTO-1449 be reviewed and made of record.

Applicants also wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the following pending United States Patent application:

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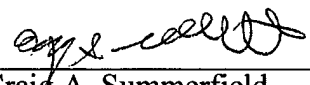
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(Attorney Docket No. 7103/39), filed March 10, 1998

U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 09/386,741
(Attorney Docket No. 7103/83), filed August 31, 1999

Applicants believe that these applications either alone or in combination with the references cited in the PTO-1449 neither disclose nor suggest Applicants' claimed invention. Applicants, however, respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of this application and place an indication in the file that it has been reviewed (MPEP § 609 D). Applicants additionally request that citations to this patent application **not** be printed on the patent (MPEP § 609 D). Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of this application is not included. If the Examiner would like Applicants to provide a copy, please call the undersigned at (312) 321-4726.

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